

IC 25-23.6-3

Chapter 3. Certified Marriage and Family Therapists; Unlawful Practices; Penalty

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Unlawful practices

Sec. 1. An individual may not:

- (1) profess to be a licensed marriage and family therapist;
- (2) use the title:
 - (A) "licensed marriage and family therapist";
 - (B) "marriage and family therapist"; or
 - (C) "family therapist";
- (3) use any other words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the individual is a licensed marriage and family therapist; or
- (4) practice marriage and family therapy for compensation;

unless the individual is licensed under this article, IC 25-22.5, or IC 25-33.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.35.

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Exemptions

Sec. 2. (a) This article may not be construed to limit the marriage and family therapy services performed by a person who does not use a title specified in this article and who is one (1) of the following:

- (1) A licensed or certified health care professional acting within the scope of the person's license or certificate.
- (2) A student, an intern, or a trainee pursuing a course of study in medicine or psychology or a course of study to gain licensure under this article in an accredited institution of higher education or training institution, or is a graduate accumulating experience required for licensure if:
 - (A) the activities are performed under qualified supervision and constitute a part of the person's supervised course of study or other level of supervision; and
 - (B) the student or graduate uses a title that contains the term "intern" or "trainee";
- (3) Not a resident of Indiana if the person performed services in Indiana for not more than five (5) days in any one (1) month and not more than fifteen (15) days in any one (1) calendar year and the person is authorized to perform such services under the laws of the state or country in which the person resides.
- (4) A rabbi, priest, Christian Science practitioner, minister, or other member of the clergy.
- (5) An employee of or a volunteer for a nonprofit corporation or an organization performing charitable, religious, or educational functions, providing pastoral counseling or other assistance.
- (6) A person who provides school counseling or a person who

is certified by a state or national organization that is recognized by the Indiana division of mental health and addiction and who provides counseling in the areas of alcohol or drug abuse addictions.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits a person referred to in subsection (a) from qualifying for licensure under this article.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.36; P.L.215-2001, SEC.100.

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Violations; penalty

Sec. 3. An individual who violates this chapter after July 1, 1999, commits a Class A misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.37.

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Display of license; contents of promotional material

Sec. 4. An individual who is licensed as a marriage and family therapist shall:

(1) display the license or a clear copy of the license at each location where the marriage and family therapist regularly practices; and

(2) include the words "licensed marriage and family therapist" or the letters "LMFT" on all promotional materials, including business cards, brochures, stationery, advertisements, and signs that name the individual.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.38.